

**Benefit of Clergy  
All Classes by Date  
Pre-1708**

Name of Convict	Status	County	Crime Charged	Crime Convicted	Date of crime	Victim of crime	Court of trial	Court of Judgment	Petit Jury of	Pleads guilty	Date of conviction	Date of Judgment	Slave of	Servant of	Sheriff doing burning	Did not fly for it	No goods or chattels	Pardoned	Has to read	Ordinary appointed	Burned in hand	Burned right thumb	Burned left thumb	Burned open court	Burned out of court	Letter burned	Burned immediately	Burned on cheek	Whipped	Pillory	Source	Notes
Due, Patrick	fw			Manslaughter				Prov. Ct.				? ? 1663							●												MA, XLIX, 10-15, 16	Branded but does not say where
Alvey, Pope	fw	St. Mary's		Felonious killing		Alee Sandford	Prov. Ct.	Prov. Ct.	12		? June 1664	? June 1664			under- of St. Mary's				●		right			●			●				MA, XLIX, 230-235	Burned "with a red hott Iron" by under-sheriff 3 Jan. 1665/66 pled benefit of clergy again but not granted since already granted once [MA, XLIX, 545]
Nottooll, Arthur	fw	Calvert		Escaping jail Burglary			Prov. Ct.	Prov. Ct.	12		? June 1664	? June 1664			under- of Calvert				●		right			●			●				MA, XLIX, 230-235	Burned "with a red hott Iron" by under-sheriff
Morrice, Thomas	fw											? ? 1666																			MA, LVII, 99, 110-111, 114, 117	
Carpenter, Francis	fw	Talbot		Manslaughter			Prov. Ct.	Prov. Ct.	12		? Apr. 1666	? Apr. 1666			under- of St. Mary's				●		●			●							MA, LVII, 59-65	Does not say which hand
Oliver, John	fw											? ? 1677/78																			MA, LI, 214-215	Could not read Not granted
Bourchall, Robert	fw	St. Mary's		Theft		Ignatius Craycroft	Prov. Ct.	Prov. Ct.	12		? Sept. 1686	? Sept. 1686							●		●										PC, TG, p. 60	"Red hott Iron" Does not say which hand
Douglas, James	fw	St. Mary's		Theft		Ignatius Craycroft	Prov. Ct.	Prov. Ct.	12		? Sept. 1686	? Sept. 1686							●		●										PC, TG, p. 60	"Red hott Iron" Does not say which hand
Lewis, James	fw											? ? 1688																			PC, TG, pp. 104-105	
Bacon, John	fw	Charles	Burglary	Felony / Theft	20 Mar. 1687/88	Robert Doyne	Prov. Ct.	Prov. Ct.	12		? Apr. 1688	? Apr. 1688									●			●			●				PC, TG, pp. 114-116	Jury leaves verdict to court
Ouldson, John	fw											? ? 1692																			PC, DS C, pp. 15-16	

AA = Anne Arundel Ct. Judg. Rec.      CB = Commission Books      CR = Commission Records      Exp = Executive Papers: Petitions, Proclamations, Pardon Papers, Letters, 1715-1783 (Acq. 9911)      fw = free white      MA = Archives of Maryland      MJ = Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser      Pforz. = Pforzheimer Collection      RB = Red Books      Spec. Ct. O & T = Proceedings of Special Court of Oyer & Terminer, 1728-1736 (3998)      St. M's = St. Mary's County  
BB = Black Books      Cecil = Cecil Judg. Rec.      cs = convict servant      Gen. Ct. East = General Court Eastern Shore Judg. Rec.      MG = Maryland Gazette      PC = Provincial Court Judg. Rec.      PG = Prince George's Ct. Rec.      s = servant      Som. = Somerset Jud. Rec.      Talb. = Talbot Judg. Rec.  
Balto. = Baltimore County      Chas. = Charles Ct. Rec.      Dorch. = Dorchester Judg. Rec.      Gen. Ct. West = General Court Western Shore Judg. Rec.      MHM = Maryland Historical Magazine      PC Deeds = Provincial Court Ld. Rec.      QA = Queen Anne's Judg. Rec.      Special = Special Court of Oyer & Terminer      Worc. = Worcester Ct. Proc.